



Cobb County Comprehensive Transportation Plan City of Kennesaw Public Meeting #1

City of Kennesaw

Meeting Date: April 11, 2006
Meeting Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Location: Kennesaw Community Center
2753 Watts Drive, NW
Kennesaw, GA
Attendance: ≈20 citizens

Agenda

Opening, Meeting Purpose and Introductions

Study Scope, Process and Schedule

Citizen Participation Program

Citizens Participate

Closing

Meeting Summary

Participants were asked to sign in upon arrival and provided with project materials, including a fact sheet, public meeting schedule, comment sheet, project business card and a meeting agenda. Area maps were on display for participants to review. Darryl Simmons, City of Kennesaw, called the meeting to order, recognized elected officials, welcomed the participants, and gave a brief overview of the project. The meeting was turned over to project consultant Steve Cote, DWA, who introduced the project team and made a power point presentation on the study scope, process and schedule. Marian Clements discussed the citizen participation program. The presentation is a part of the record copy of these notes and can be found on the Project website: www.cobbdot.org/ctp.

Citizens were asked in the meeting, to provide feedback on the following topics:

- How did you find out about this meeting?
- Describe your City and Cobb County, as you would like them to be 25 years from now. Include a description of your dream transportation system.
- What are the biggest obstacles to your ability to move about your City and Cobb County?
- What techniques would you recommend to increase citizen participation in this study?
- Are there any comments or questions about the meeting or the process for public outreach?

The responses are recorded below.

Participants were encouraged to spread the word about the study within their community, City and the County. They were also invited to visit the project website, located on the City and County websites, for updates to the study. The meeting was adjourned.



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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

How did you find out about this meeting?

Road signs, newspaper, email.

Describe your City and Cobb County, as you would like them to be 25 years from now. Include a description of your dream transportation system.

- Monorail – be flexible
- Private-public partnership
- Comprehensive public transportation system – light rail, metro, buses
- Connectivity to downtown and employment centers
- HOV lanes on thoroughfares
- Parking fees based on # of riders
- Car pooling
- Manage bus stops
- More efficient consumption of energy
- Public transportation for school buses
- Clean air
- Congestion pricing
- Better system/access within the County-connectivity
- More alternatives in Cobb
- More incentives for alternative modes of transportation
- Constrain sprawl
- Manage physical growth
- Employer support/incentives for alternate forms of transportation
- Rail system
- Multi-use development – live/work/play community
- No congestion
- Green space- passive parks
- Wider sidewalks
- Mixed use employment centers at local level (not strip commercial)
- Bike paths
- Public employees live close to where they work
- More express bus services
- Bus stops closer to residential areas
- Small circulator for Kennesaw
- Move away from hub and spoke; north-south & east-west movement
- Road improvements
- Better access management

What are the biggest obstacles to your ability to move about your City and Cobb County?

- Synchronize traffic lights
- No left turn lanes/signal to move traffic
- School traffic
- No control on school buses thereby slowing traffic.



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- Connectivity between different public transportation systems
 - Not enough sidewalks
 - Poor accessibility for seniors to buses

What techniques would you recommend to increase citizen participation in this study?

- Mass mailings
- Water bill – newsletter insert
- Elderly/disabled – forms on website and phone line
- Newsletter/comment forms at Senior Centers
- Channel 23
- Newspaper:
 - Northside News
 - Bright Side
- PTA
- Church Newsletters
- Noonday Baptist Association (Canton Rd.)
- Employers via Chamber
- Civic Clubs
- Youth Council Meeting with City Council

Are there any comments or questions about the meeting or the process for public outreach?

- None